

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Fig. 1 shows a valve for controlling fluids in a preferred exemplary embodiment of the invention in which the valve 1 includes an armature 2, which can be moved back and forth in a sleeve 4 as a result of electric current being supplied to a magnet coil 3. The armature 2 is connected to an actuating element ~~[[6]]~~ 5 in the form of a tappet, so that an opening 14 can be opened and closed. A restoring spring 6 furnishes restoration of the actuating element 5 and the armature 2 to their outset position. To prevent such contaminants as tiny metal chips or the like from getting into the valve 1, two filters 9 and 10 are also provided.